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In re PCT International Application of )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115

30 Applicant request entry of the following amendments prior to consideration of the claims pending in the application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

35 Amend claims: 3-5, 8-10, and 13.

3. (Once Amended) A process as claimed claim 1, wherein the hydroxyl group containing compound is an alkanol with a to 6 carbon atoms per molecule.
- 40 4. (Once Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein component (b) of the catalyst system is a phosphorus-containing ligand of formula (I), wherein the bivalent organic bridging group R is an ethylene or a propylene group connected via their terminal carbon atoms to the respective phosphorus atoms of X<sup>1</sup> and X<sup>2</sup>.